

not be less than 60 days after the date on which both the notice and proof of service on the principal have been received by the regional director (compliance). The surety shall deliver one copy of the notice to the principal and the original to the regional director (compliance). The surety shall also file with the regional director (compliance) an acknowledgment or other proof of service on the principal.

**§ 17.113 Extent of release of surety from liability under bond.**

The rights of the principal as supported by the bond shall cease as of the date when termination of the bond takes effect, and the surety shall be relieved from liability for drawback allowed on and after that date. Liability for drawback previously allowed shall continue until the claims for such drawback have been properly verified by the regional director (compliance) according to law and this part.

**§ 17.114 Release of collateral.**

The release of collateral security pledged and deposited to satisfy the bond requirement of this part is governed by the provisions of 31 CFR part 225. When the regional director (compliance) determines that there is no outstanding liability under the bond, and is satisfied that the interests of the Government will not be jeopardized, the security shall be released and returned to the principal.

(Sec. 1, Pub. L. 97-258, 96 Stat. 1046 (31 U.S.C. 9301, 9303))

**Subpart F—Formulas and Samples**

**§ 17.121 Product formulas.**

(a) *General.* Except as provided in §§ 17.132 and 17.182, manufacturers shall file quantitative formulas for all preparations for which they intend to file drawback claims. Such formulas shall state the quantity of each ingredient, and shall separately state the quantity of spirits to be recovered or to be consumed as an essential part of the manufacturing process.

(b) *Filing.* Formulas shall be filed with the Alcohol and Tobacco Laboratory on ATF Form 5154.1, Formula and Process for Nonbeverage Products. Fil-

ing shall be accomplished no later than 6 months after the end of the quarter in which taxpaid distilled spirits were first used to manufacture the product for purposes of drawback. If a product's formula is disapproved, no drawback shall be allowed on spirits used to manufacture that product, unless it is later used as an intermediate product, as provided in § 17.137.

(c) *Numbering.* The formulas shall be serially numbered by the manufacturer, commencing with number 1 and continuing thereafter in numerical sequence. However, a new formula for use at several plants shall be given the highest number next in sequence at any of those plants. The numbers that were skipped at the other plants shall not be used subsequently.

(d) *Distribution and retention of approved formulas.* One copy of each approved Form 5154.1 shall be returned to the manufacturer. The formulas returned to manufacturers shall be kept in serial order at the place of manufacture, as provided in § 17.170, and shall be made available to ATF officers for examination in the investigation of drawback claims.

**§ 17.122 Amended or revised formulas.**

Except as provided in this section, amended or revised formulas are considered to be new formulas and shall be numbered accordingly. Minor changes may be made to a current formula on ATF Form 5154.1 with retention of the original formula number, if approval is obtained from the Director. In order to obtain approval to make a minor formula change, the person holding the Form 5154.1 shall submit a letter of application to the Alcohol and Tobacco Laboratory, indicating the formula change and requesting that the proposed change be considered a minor change. Each such application shall clearly identify the original formula by number, date of approval, and name of product. The application shall indicate whether the product is, has been, or will be used in alcoholic beverages, and shall specify whether the proposed change is intended as a substitution or merely as an alternative for the original formula. No changes may be made to current formulas without specific ATF approval in each case.